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### **Creative Project Summary**

There is absolutely nothing amazing or spectacular about my project and I'll be the first to admit it. However, I am still proud of what I did considering I'm not the most artistic person in the world. I just drew weapons the way I imagined them from the stories and myths we read. They are probably quite a bit different from how the weapons actually appeared in the time period of the stories. I've got a whole range of different weaponry and if I missed something obvious, I apologize. Still, I like what came out of it. I don't know what is so appealing about drawing weapons but I had a lot of fun doing this. As for how I actually did it, I drew black and white outlines in Microsoft paint and saved them as bitmaps. Some pixel by pixel editing was necessary to get the smaller details in. Then I opened them up in The Gimp and filled in some textures and did some creative blending with gradients. Colored between the lines, so to speak. I chose the computer to do these drawings because for some reason I think I can draw better on a computer than with pencil and paper. Maybe it has something to do with the fact that I can edit undo everything I do. Or maybe it is the fact that gradients look so cool if they are done right and can take care of the shading I am absolutely horrible at doing. Either way, I had fun doing this and I like the result.

